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YOU SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ME...

FEEL THAT?

POWER!

I WANT TO... DEVOUR HIM ALIVE.

HE'S... ALMOST GONE...

HOW MANY LIVES DEPEND...

YOU EAT TOO MUCH!

...ON YOU GETTING OVER YOUR SUPER EGO...

SHARE!

...AND ADMITTING...

MINE!

...YOU NEED ME?

ENOUGH!

BOOM

BUFFET'S...

...CLOSED...

THUD

HE'S WEAK!

BLEED HIM DRY!

HEY!

WOOSH

UFF.

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

ONE PARASITE DRAINING ME...

...WAS ALWAYS TOO MUCH...

...BUT A *DOZEN* CLONES?

WAIT...HOW LONG WAS I *OUT* DOWN THERE?

I'VE NEVER SEEN METROPOLIS THIS DARK BEFORE...

LET'S SEE WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH...

The last son of a dying world, Kal-El came to Earth with powers and abilities beyond those of mortal humans. He was found and raised by a kindly couple in Smallville, Kansas, and imbued with the values of truth and justice by his adoptive parents. Now serving as a reporter for a major metropolitan newspaper, Clark Kent takes to the skies to use his gifts for the betterment of the world as...

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## Chapter Two

When the evil Lex Luthor made it his mission to "improve" Superman, the Man of Steel was suspicious. The incarcerated billionaire went so far as to retitle his company **SUPER CORP** and place his hated rival in charge. But before Superman could get to the bottom of Lex's schemes, disaster was unleashed upon the city. Now Metropolis is in the grips of...

# THE NIGHT OF THE PARASITE

HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!

ISN'T THAT THE POINT OF OUR SO-CALLED SECRET ORDER OF MAD SCIENTISTS?

I NEVER AGREED TO THAT NAME. IT'S DEMEANING.

=SIGH= WOULD YOU RATHER WE CALL OURSELVES WHAT WE REALLY ARE? HOMICIDAL GENIUSES?

WE'RE GROWING CONCERNED, GRAFT.

CUTTING UP BIZARRO...?

TOYING AROUND WITH KRYPTONITE...?

UNLEASHING PARASITE IN METROPOLIS ON THIS SCALE ENDANGERS US BY DRAWING SUPERMAN'S ATTENTION.

YOU ARE PLAYING IN LEX LUTHOR'S PETRI DISH.

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YES, DR. PHARM?

HM HM HM.

MY DEAR FRIENDS...

AHEM...DR. PHARM WOULD LIKE TO *REMIND YOU* THAT METROPOLIS WAS *OURS* FIRST.

LEX LUTHOR'S INCARCERATION IS AN *OPPORTUNITY. A BLESSING.*

I KNOW YOU'RE *SCARED.* AND YOU *SHOULD BE.*

OUR UPGRADES TO PARASITE WILL BRING BACK *OUR BRAND* OF CHAOS TO THE CITY OF TOMORROW.

WHY DOESN'T YOUR BROTHER TELL US THAT HIMSELF?

UNFORTUNATELY, THE LAST PERSON TO HEAR MY BROTHER'S LOVELY TENOR HAD THEIR EARS BLEED FOR DAYS.

MOTHER WAS NEVER THE SAME.

BUT I ASSURE YOU, WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED, AND BY THE END OF OUR EXPERIMENT YOU WILL ALL BE GREATLY REWARDED BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS.

DR. PHARM IS A MAN OF *VISION.* I HAVE ALL THE FAITH IN THE WORLD IN HIS ABILITIES.

HIS MEANS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND, BUT HE KNOWS THAT THE BEST WAY TO HELP PEOPLE...

"...IS TO *HURT* THEM."

SUPERCORP WILL BRING YOU A BETTER METRO... PO...LIS...

...TO... GE...TH... ER...

KICH

*MORE!*

WE NEED *MORE*...

GET TO THE SUPERCORP SAFE ROOM NOW!

HURRY! POWER EVERYTHING DOWN! DUMP ALL ENERGY!

YES, MS. GRAVES!

WHATEVER YOU DO...DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS.

TK TK TK THK

HUNGRY.

BOOM

CHOKE ON THIS!

HUN GRY.

HUNGRY. HUNGRY. HUNGRY.

BOSS

MERCY, MOVE.

PARASITE NEVER LIKED ICE, SO THAT SHOULD HOLD THIS SWARM.

***FOR NOW.***

I DON'T GET IT. THIS IS ***NOT*** HOW PARASITE'S POWERS NORMALLY WORK.

HE GETS ***BIGGER*** WHEN HE DRAINS ENERGY...

...HE DOESN'T ***MULTIPLY.***

I'M ***TOO*** AWARE OF PARASITE'S POWERS AND HOW THEY WORK.

IT'S WHY IT'S TAKING ME... SHUFF...A MINUTE TO RECHARGE...

LUTHOR MENTIONED THIS WAS THE RESULT OF ***HIS*** ENEMIES.

WHAT EXACTLY DID HE MEAN BY ***THAT,*** MERCY?

NO IDEA...

YOU'RE LYING.

YOU LISTENING TO MY HEART RATE?

YOU WILLINGLY WORK FOR ***LEX LUTHOR.***

LUTHOR ALWAYS KNOWS MORE THAN HE LETS ON.

AND HE'S NEVER QUIET FOR LONG...

I WARNED YOU, SUPERMAN.

WE'RE BOTH LUCKY I PREPARED MY ***OWN*** CONTINGENCY PLANS IN CASE THE POWER AT STRYKER'S SWITCHED TO EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS.

RUDY JONES WAS UNLEASHED A MERE FEW HOURS AGO, AND ALREADY HIS MULTIPLES HAVE DRAINED MOST OF METROPOLIS OF ITS ENERGY.

I'M SLIGHTLY ANNOYED I NEVER THOUGHT OF THIS...

CAN YOU IMAGINE IF PARASITE'S POWERS WERE TO CHANGE OR EVOLVE ***AGAIN?***

FREE ME FROM THIS INFERNAL PRISON AT ONCE AND BRING ME TO SUPERCORP. TOGETHER WE CAN--

***HEY! ANYONE THERE?***

WHO DO I GOTTA INFLUENCE TO GET A PHONE CALL OR SOMETHING? IF I DON'T POST SOON, ***THE LIVEWIRE FANBASE*** WILL GET WORRIED!

SIGH...

DO THE ***RIGHT*** THING, SUPERMAN.

OR ARE YOU SO SHALLOW THAT YOU'D LET METROPOLIS ***FALL*** INSTEAD OF ASKING AN ***OLD FRIEND*** FOR HELP?

"OLD FRIEND"...
WHAT'S MR. LUTHOR SAYING?
HE WANTS ME TO BREAK HIM OUT OF STRYKER'S.
THEN DO WHAT HE SAYS!
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
MY NEXT MOVE IS FINDING ***PARASITE-ZERO.*** THE ROOT PARASITE. THIS SWARM STARTED WITH HIM, AND THE SOLUTION WILL BE THERE.
AFTER THIS IS OVER, ***THEN*** LUTHOR AND I WILL HAVE A CHAT.
HOW DO YOU TELL THE REAL PARASITE APART FROM HIS... ***CLONES?***
WE NEED TO GET THE POWER BACK ON.
TO SUPERCORP? BUT THAT WOULD DRAW THEM ALL ***HERE!***
RUDY WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST.
THE PARASITES ALREADY DRAINED ALL THE CITY'S ENERGY, AND WE'D NEED A PRETTY BIG POWER SOURCE.
I HAVE AN IDEA, BUT FIRST...
JON...? KARA?
***DAD!*** WHOA, WHERE ARE YOU?
SAFE, FOR NOW, AT THE TOP OF THE SUPERCORP BUILDING. GIVE ME A STATUS UPDATE, SON.

WE'VE ERECTED A WALL OF *ICE* THAT CONTAINS THE PARASITES WITHIN METROPOLIS, BUT AT THE RATE THEY ARE MULTIPLYING...

...THEY COULD OVERTAKE THE WORLD BY *MORNING.*

HEY CUZ, WE MANAGED TO EVACUATE MOST OF THE CITY...

...WE'RE GEARING UP A RESCUE MISSION TO GET THE REST NOW. WE CAN MEET YOU AND--

*NO.*

YOU COULD BECOME MORE ENERGY TO EMPOWER THE PARASITES.

CONTINUE THE CONTAINMENT.

BUT DAD...

JON, I KNOW YOU CAN HANDLE THIS. I'LL--

*LISTEN.*

I COULDN'T FIND MOM.

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WHOOOSH

LOIS...?

FFZZLSSHH!

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE HERE, SUPERMAN.

BEST YOU MOVE ALONG.

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU'RE DOING, BUT--

YOU WERE GONE FOR A SPELL, DARLING.

METROPOLIS HAS A WAY OF CREATING ITS HEROES WHEN IT NEEDS TO...

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GHOSTS, SUPERMAN?

FFFLISSHH

FFFLISSHH

FFFLISSHH

MY MOTHER AND FATHER USED TO TAKE ME CAMPING, AND MY MOTHER WOULD TELL THE SCARIEST GHOST STORIES YOU'VE EVER HEARD.

AND I'VE SEEN ENOUGH IN THIS LIFE TO BELIEVE IN THE ***SUPER-NATURAL.***

BUT MAYBE STOP TRYING TO SHOOT ME AND ***TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT?***

I'M DOING YOU A ***FAVOR*** TONIGHT.

BUT CONSIDER THIS A WARNING SHOT, SUPERMAN.

METROPOLIS'S NIGHTS ARE ***HAUNTED.***

AND THE LEGEND OF ***MARILYN MOONLIGHT*** RIDES AGAIN.

WAIT.

WHAT...?

HER LIGHT RECHARGED ME. WAS THAT...

...MOONLIGHT...

YOU HAVEN'T ARRIVED AT STRYKER'S YET.

EVEN WITH PARASITE'S DRAINING YOUR POWERS, IN YOUR WEAKENED STATE YOU STILL HAVE THE SPEED TO HAVE ARRIVED TWO MINUTES AGO.

MY EXTREMELY EDUCATED GUESS IS THAT YOU'RE ***WASTING TIME*** ON TRIVIAL MATTERS LIKE HELPING PEOPLE OR SAVING LIVES. YOU NEED TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX THIS TIME AND ***FOLLOW MY LEAD.***

YOU CAN'T HEAR ME, LUTHOR. BUT I WOULD ***NEVER*** TAKE ADVICE FROM--

SMALLVILLE...?

PARASITE IS EVERYWHERE.

***LOIS?!*** I KNOW. WE NEED TO GET YOU TO A SECURE LOCATION NOW.

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE...

...I'M HUNGRY.

LOIS?!

C'MON, PAL...JUST A SNACK...

WE'RE STARVING.

SAVE US...

SORRY, HONEY!

THIS IS THE SAFEST WAY TO KEEP YOU FROM HURTING YOURSELF WHILE I CHECK WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...

DAD, IF YOU CAN HEAR THIS, WE NEED TO HURRY. SOMETHING IS *UP* AND THE PARASITES KEEP MULTIPLYING.

WE CAN'T HOLD THEM MUCH LONGER.

OH NO...

LUTHOR WAS *RIGHT*... THE PARASITES *EVOLVED*...

THEY'RE IN THE AIR.

HUNGRY!

HUNGRY!

HUNGRY!

HUNGRY!

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DC NATION INTERVIEW

# HELEN MIRREN

SHAZAM! FURY OF THE GODS

**You play the character Hespera, one of the villainous Daughters of Atlas. Who are they in the film?**

Hespera is a sort of powerhouse goddess. I have two sisters in the film played by Lucy Liu and Rachel Zegler. They're back on Earth to reclaim their powers that were taken from them by the Wizard, and the goddesses want to make sure that this power is used correctly.

**What leaped out to you about the part when you first read the script?**

Well, I love playing goddesses. I liked Hespera's seriousness, and I tried to play it as straight as possible. I kept saying to myself, "Shakespeare, Helen, you're playing Shakespeare." You need to treat this material with the sort of thought and respect that you approach Shakespeare with. The costume is full of solid pieces, and I have to say it's incredibly heavy, but it's spectacular, so I'm happy to wear it. The costume is a massive part of the whole thing.

**Why do you think audiences connect with the Shazam family?**

It's what I loved about the first *Shazam!* film and why I happily signed up to be in the sequel. I love the idea that these outcasts at school, the kids who are bullied, are the ones who land with these incredible powers. I loved the concept of these kids becoming beautiful superheroes. Every time you see a little kid running around with a tea towel as a cape and you know they're a superhero in their imagination—I loved that the first film used that idea. It's very sweet and funny at the same time, so I was very happy to be in the second one.

**Can you talk about the magical elements in the film?**

We have it all. It's a combination of mythological ideas and imaginary creatures...which will all make an appearance in our movie. It's sort of a combination of elements from all the mystical, magical films you've ever seen. Even dragons make an appearance! I'm very jealous of my sister who gets to ride one in the film.

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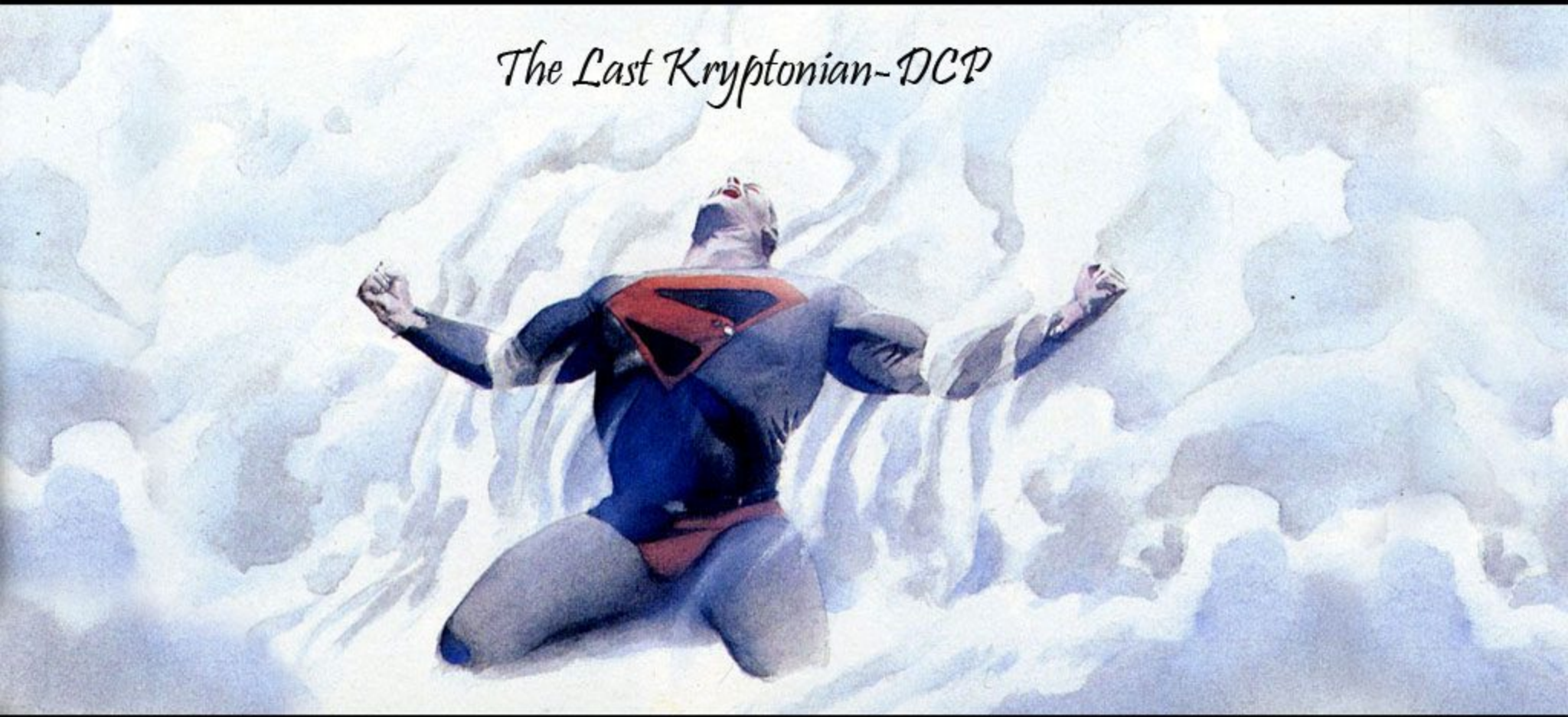
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